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## U.S. Aims At Exile Cash Flow

### Will Halt Deals Aiding Castro

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The Treasury Department announced a crackdown Thursday on Cuban refugee deals in which the Castro government gets its hands on American dollars.

Edward Minskoff, chief of the enforcement division, said the crackdown follows investigation of a private Miami organization which arranges for refugees to come here through Mexico.

In many cases the transportation costs wind up in Cuban hands as much-needed foreign exchange.

"Any remittance, no matter how indirectly it is sent to Cuba, whether through Mexico or Canada, is a violation of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations," Minskoff said.

The act went into effect July 8, 1963, and prohibits all transactions with Cuba or persons in Cuba, either directly or indirectly, and "we intend to enforce the prohibition," Minskoff said.

Minskoff said he and another agent had just concluded interviews with more than 40 Cubans in Miami who had sent money to Mexico which, in turn, was used to buy transportation in Havana.

Technically, each is violating U.S. law, Minskoff said, and is subject to a maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine and/or 10 years in prison. Minskoff said he didn't know what would happen in this instance because of "the humanitarian aspects involved."

The Inter-American Affairs Commission, a private organization in Miami, had made arrangements for visa waivers and other details but left transportation up to the individuals, Minskoff said.

Wendell Rollason, director of the commission, said the work was "only a continuation of what we had been doing since 1960."

But, said Rollason, "everything in this respect has stopped pending further clarification of the situation in Washington."

Rollason said the organization had "always worked in close harmony with federal units and we'll seek a clarification as to where this is applicable and where it isn't."

He estimated the commission had handled between 100,000 and 150,000 cases involving exiles since 1960, "most of which were routine waiver cases."

Minskoff said the inquiry had been touched off by a New York firm's newspaper advertisement that it could bring refugees out of Cuba for \$600, which would have included transportation. The New York firm, he said, then referred the cases to the Inter-American Affairs Commission in Miami, keeping a referral fee.